



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

Event Name	21-0015 Severe Weather 06JUL
Date	July 09, 2021
Time	0900
Operational Period	July 08, 2021- July 09, 2021
Report Number	2

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	2, 3 & 6
DDCs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Governor Abbott readied state resources as heavy rain, flash flooding, and river flooding threaten South Texas and the Coastal Bend over the next few days. A high risk of flash flooding was expected along the Texas Coastal Bend Wednesday and Thursday, and river flooding is likely to occur in the Coastal Bend and portions of South Texas Thursday.

On July 7 at 9AM, the below listed state agencies were requested to identify available state resources to support flash flooding/ flood response operations if needed:

- Texas A&M Forest Service: Saw Crews
- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (Texas A&M Task Force One and Texas Task Force Two): Boat Squads and Urban Search and Rescue Packages
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: Texas Game Warden Boat Teams
- Texas Department of State Health Services: Texas Emergency Medical Task Force Severe Weather Packages
- Texas Department of Public Safety: Helicopters with hoist capability
- Texas Military Department: Ground Transportation Packages with High Profile Vehicles
- Texas Department of Transportation: High Profile Vehicles with operators; Road Condition status via DriveTexas.org
- Public Utility Commission of Texas: Power outage monitoring/coordination with utility providers in the threat areas

On July 7 at 12PM, due to the forecast for the next several days for flash and riverine flooding that will affect portions of the state, TDEM requested the below resources be activated as indicated:

- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (Texas A&M Task Force One): 8 Swift Water Rescue Boat Squads (8 boats) (2 squads Rio Grande Valley, 2 Squads Corpus Christi, 2 Squads Victoria, 2 Squads Brazoria Co; 2 Water Managers)
- Texas Parks and Wildfire Department: Game Warden Boat Teams

Weather:

NWS Austin/San Antonio: Rainfall amounts of 1 to 4 inches with isolated amounts of up to 5 to 7 inches possible. A *Flash Flood Watch* is in effect through Friday evening.

NWS Brownsville: Numerous showers and thunderstorms producing locally heavy rainfall are expected to continue on and off across portions of Deep South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley today through Friday evening. Additional rainfall amounts of 2 to 4 inches are expected, with locally higher amounts possible through Friday evening. A *Flash Flood Watch* is in effect through Friday evening.

NWS Corpus Christi: Additional rainfall of 3 to 5 inches is expected with localized amounts up to 8 inches possible. A *Flash Flood Watch* is in effect until early Friday evening.

NWS Houston/Galveston: Heavy rain was expected to redevelop late Thursday night. The latest model guidance suggests some of this rain could spread farther north into portions of Colorado, Austin, and Waller counties, so they were added to the watch area. Rain across Southeast Texas lightened some Thursday evening, providing a brief respite to the water-logged area, particularly around Matagorda Bay. However, there is high confidence that another round of heavy rains will redevelop on Thursday night. Hi-res model guidance suggests some potential that some of this heavy rain will occur farther inland and increases the threat of flooding rains into southern Colorado, Austin, and Waller counties. A *Flash Flood Watch* is in effect through Friday evening.

West Gulf River Forecast Center (WGRFC): More locally heavy rainfall is expected for the Middle Texas Coast. The locally heavy rain could spread all of the way up the Texas Coast, and will likely spread west over the next few days.

The middle coast is floating...from Lake Jackson through Rockport down to Corpus Christi. Any rainfall at this point will generate runoff and flooding. Moderate to major river flooding is forecast. Also, locally heavy rainfall in the valley has the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo above criteria, but below flood stage.

WGRFC forecasters will be watching all the coastal river basins for responses from locally heavy rainfall. Current trends show a shift west and diminishing threat by

later in the weekend. We are coordinating with lake operators in the area, and any potential releases are included in the official forecasts.

WGRFC remains in contact with the International Boundary and Water Commission, but no issues expected at this time.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio Counties)

Rain continues to fall throughout District 20 with most of the bands training over northeastern counties. Amounts are forecasted to bring an additional 4-6" over those areas already impacted by high rainfall amounts. A drying trend should set up over the weekend. There have been no evacuations and no shelters have reported as being established.

A reprieve in the rain Wednesday afternoon allowed water to recede in Aransas and Refugio Counties. A windshield assessment showed that most major streets and highways are open. Some neighborhood streets and driveway are still underwater. Amounts totaling over 20" in Rockport and Fulton combined with a high tide have affected the infrastructure. Road and parking lots are going to have issues. All ditches are full, and water is coming up through manholes in town. Potable water, sewer and electricity issues have not been noted.

TX-TF1 Boat Teams have tied in with Rockport PD and Aransas County SO.

The Mission River is still of concern in Refugio County. Flood levels at or above 30' will trigger evacuations.

TX-TF1 Boat Crews have tied in with Live Oak County personnel and Kingsville in Kleberg County.

Nueces County: Judge Canales has submitted a disaster declaration. River and Creeks have reached major flood stage levels but not to the point of triggering evacuations. Crews are currently doing damage assessments. No reports of structures with major damage. TX-TF1 Boat Crews have tied in with Corpus Christi FD.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System

(TDEM): The State of Texas SOC remains at Readiness Level II Escalated Response Conditions, with Daily Operations staff actively monitoring and reporting on the current situation. The SOC continues processing disaster declarations, letters to the Governor, Disaster Summary Outlines, State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs), preparing Snapshot(s) and the State SITREP(s). The State Management Team (SMT) continues conducting operations in the Remote SOC, working together with activated members of the State's Emergency Management Council. TDEM Assistant Chiefs and District Coordinators are working closely with their local emergency management partners to assist with unmet needs and resources.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas A&M Task Force One (TX-TF1):

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) deployed Texas A&M Task Force One (TX-TF1) personnel on July 07, at 10:00AM at the request of TDEM. TX-TF1's main mission is to have two Water Group Supervisors, seven Swiftwater Rescue Squads, one Floodwater Rescue Squad, and an Overhead team in College Station standing by for TDEM SAR missions requests from local and county governments.

The total number of TX-TF1 personnel deployed is 53.

The Water Rescue Squads are currently staged in region 3 (Sinton, Rockport, Corpus Christi, Three Rivers, and Kingsville) where the heaviest rainfall is occurring with the ability to return to regions 2 and 6 as needed. Thursday morning, they helped Nueces County with an assist of a vehicle in the water with one occupant and performed one evacuation. TX-TF1 resources continue to monitor the weather and keep in contact with the local authority having jurisdiction (AHJ).

Date	Location	Assist	Evacuation
07/08/2021	Nueces County	1	
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	Total	1	1

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS has three (3) short IMTs and three (3) Saw Teams pre-identified for this response, if needed.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):

The EMTF has increased its readiness posture to standby in EMTF Regions 6, 8 & 11 due to the flooding threat along the coast in south and southeast Texas.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): High Profile Vehicles with operators; Road Condition status via DriveTexas.org

Texas Department of Public Safety: Helicopters with hoist capability

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has four (4) SAR boat teams ready to respond as needed. In addition to the TPWD SAR teams, all area TPWD field Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers have been made aware of the potential for flash flooding and are ready to respond as needed with additional personnel and boat squads.

Public Utility Commission of Texas: Power outage monitoring/coordination with utility providers in the threat areas

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TX A&M TX-TF1	Over Head Team	6	0	Assigned	College Station
TX A&M TX-TF1	Water Group Supervisor	1	0	Assigned	Rockport
TX A&M TX-TF1	Support Specialist	1	0	Assigned	Rockport
TX A&M TX-TF1	WS-Longview 1	5	4	Assigned	Sinton
TX A&M TX-TF1	WS-Killeen 1	6	2	Assigned	Sinton
TX A&M TX-TF1	WS-Washington 1	6	2	Assigned	Rockport
TX A&M TX-TF1	WS-Dallas	6	2	Assigned	Rockport
TX A&M TX-TF1	Water Group Supervisor	1	0	Assigned	Corpus Christi
TX A&M TX-TF1	Support Specialist	1	0	Assigned	Corpus Christi
TX A&M TX-TF1	WS-Austin 1	6	2	Assigned	Corpus Christi
TX A&M TX-TF1	WS-STRAC 1	6	2	Assigned	Three Rivers
TX A&M TX-TF1	WS-San Antonio 1	6	2	Assigned	Kingsville
TX A&M TX-TF1	WS-McAllen 1	6	2	Assigned	Kingsville
TX A&M TFS	Short IMT			Standby	
TX A&M	Saw Team			Standby	

TFS					
EMTF	SWX PKGs (1 Task Force Leader, 1 MIST, 1 AMBUS, 1 AST)			Standby	EMTF 6, 8 & 11
TPWD	SAR Boat Teams		4	Activated	Statewide

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I (Emergency Conditions)
Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV (Normal Conditions)

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